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WHEREAS, In average of 500 South Dakota children require placement in family foster homes each month as a result of chronic or continuing abuse and/or neglect; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota currently has 550 licensed family foster homes which provide trenty-four hour care and supervision for abused and/or neglected children; and,

WHEREAS, These families provide invaluable service to the state of South Dakota and its children; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota is experiencing an urgent need for more families to become licensed as family foster homes; and,

WHEREAS, May 1989 has been designated as National Foster Parent Honth:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, No hereby proclaim May 1989 as

FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVER

ATTEST:

in South Dakota

ADVICE AZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE